

(Valary) Austin Home- 1802 ~~ve. 1~~, Market  
Galveston, Galveston County, Texas

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District # 6 Tex 2

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Birdsall F. Briscoe, District Officer  
4301 Main Street, Houston, Texas

VALERY AUSTIN HOME  
Huntsville, Walker-County, Texas  
GALVESTON GALVESTON Co.

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Owner Valery Austin.

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Date of Erection Completed September 5, 1868

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Architect Unknown

Builder Moffett

Present Condition Good

Number of Stories Two

Other Existing Records Original owner and builder, Edward Tailor Austin, a cousin of Stephen F. Austin.

Materials of Construction Frame

Additional Data : The architectural meeting place of Greek Revival and jig-saw. The death of classic Texas and the birth of Victorian Scrolls. Not so bad when its builders had acres of porches to play with. When this place was built the Civil War was a new and savage slavery: The South was broke but cotton was worth a dollar a pound. This era marked the beginning of Galveston's greatness as a port, and the incoming wealth is reflected in the houses of this period. Practically all the building materials used in this house were shipped from Maine- white pine, and the doors mahogany and walnut. The walls of the drawing room were frescoed with classic scenes, and painted cornices apparently broke the ceiling angle after the Pompeian manner. It was a rich and hospitable home and is still occupied by the descendants of its builder.

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